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Thinking Out Loud

No one man can sit in judgment on the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad, and say whether it should continue on a basis of its present equipment, rate structure and management, whether it should fold up and liquidate, or whether under modified conditions it could continue to give this county good and satisfactory service. That is a decision which the California Railroad Commission must make. And whatever is decided by that body will inevitably fail to please all the people of Nevada County.

This, however, can be said. For one reason or another, a large proportion of this road's freight business has been lost during the last decade or more. The company is now making an energetic effort to recover this lost business in freight, as it has recovered much of its passenger service, by means of motor adjuncts or auxiliaries.

Opposing this endeavor of the railroad company is a motor truck company which already has a franchise from San Francisco as far as Auburn, and now asks the Railroad Commission to extend its franchise to Grass Valley and Nevada City. These two petitioners marshalled and subpoenaed their witnesses and these have been heard before one of the commissioners.

Among other witnesses subpoenaed on behalf of the motor truck company, was this writer, despite the fact that he had asked to be excused, feeling incompetent because of his comparative short residence here and lack of first hand knowledge of Narrow Gauge conditions.

This writer was, however, represented in the Grass Valley Morning Union, as "expressing indifference to the future of the railroad connection." But a witness is not permitted to express his views, even before the Railroad Commission. The reporter's inference, therefore, is just a petty, spiteful jab at a fellow publisher.

Of course, no business man in Nevada City can be indifferent to the fate of the Narrow Gauge. The company employs between forty and fifty men, most of them steadily. As an industrial organization it will compare more than favorably with many mining companies in the county. To throw these men, who live here, out of employment, is not something to be viewed with indifference. Nor as regards service, is the matter one of indifference. There are certain services the Narrow Gauge performs, such as transshipping carload lots from the Southern Pacific, which undoubtedly it can perform as well and as cheaply as a motor company.

One service it does perform as no other agency could, nor as cheaply, is moving 140 carloads each season of the fruit crop of Chicago Park, Peardale, and other sections to Colfax. This service costs the fruit growers exactly nothing, for the Southern Pacific absorbs the charges in the haul to Colfax.

Inferences from the testimony in general, that can be fairly drawn, was that the Narrow Gauge should justify its existence by its service, rate structure and speed, and not appeal to sentiment, its past performance in upbuilding this county, nor to its picturesque attributes. To draw a parallel, there have been in Nevada City from time to time newspapers that served this community well. The old Daily Transscript was one of these. But when it ceased to fill the need, or through bad management or hard times, failed to serve the people, it ceased to exist. Even if it operated under the aegis of some such regulatory body as the Railroad Commission, that it would have been permitted to continue is doubtful.

If business men in the two communities could now be assured that the Narrow Gauge could be reorganized under a progressive management, and would be able to give service equal in frequency, speed and rates to similar motor service in other parts of the state, by means of a motor truck line, far from objecting, it would seem reasonable to suppose that all would welcome it.

Mrs. Arthur Pratti of Nevada City underwent a severe operation on Wednesday in Jones Memorial hospital in Grass Valley, the operation being performed by Drs. Reed and Jones.

GEO. WRIGHT TO REST IN GRAVE AT S. F. PRESIDIO

A plain white slab of marble on which will be engraved:

GEORGE D. WRIGHT
Sgt. 363rd Infantry
91st Division

will mark the grave of the former veteran and Nevada City resident, in the Presidio cemetery in San Francisco. Mr. Wright passed away last week. Funeral services in charge of the Holmes Funeral Home were held in this city Tuesday, and on Wednesday burial took place in the Presidio cemetery, with military honors. Following the service read by the Presidio chaplain, a firing squad discharged a salute over the grave and a bugler sounded taps.

SUPERVISORS ATTEND SACTO. ROAD HEARING

The Nevada county board of supervisors, County Clerk, R. N. McCormack, Judge Raglan Tuttle and County Surveyor, J. F. O'Connor attended a hearing before the state Senate and Assembly committees on Roads and Highways in Sacramento. The purpose was to discuss and protest the proposed Highway bill to take over the county roads by the State Highway Department. The supervisors of Nevada County have put themselves on record as firmly opposing the arbitrary transfer of the roads to the state.

Nearly every county in California was represented at the meeting to hear the arguments and opinions pro and con.

NEW LUMBER FIRM TO OPEN ON SPRING ST.

Fred E. Conner, who has purchased a large plot on Spring street for a lumber yard site, stated yesterday that the ground is being rapidly cleared and placed in readiness for installing stocks. The firm is to be known as the Building Supply House. Mr. Conner has established his office there. On the property is a large brick building in which will be used for storage and exhibition purposes. Orders are now being taken for building materials. Mr. Conner states that he expects to open his place of business early in April.

FOREST FOREMAN AND WIFE HURT IN CRASH

Roy Beedle of Nevada City, and wife, while in Auburn Wednesday were crowded into the bank at the side of the highway by an alleged drunken driver and in the ensuing accident Mrs. Beedle received a broken leg and wrist while he received a cut across the hand. Mrs. Beedle is in the Highland hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Beedle is in the employ of the Tahoe National forest as a foreman, and is stationed at Applegate, Placer county.

FRECHETTE ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF BROWN

Dispatches from Howell, Michigan, reciting the progress of the trial of Clarence Frechette, charged with murder, and who was arrested in Truckee two months ago driving Robert Brown's car with Brown's frozen body stuffed in the car trunk, indicated that there are plenty of witnesses to unfriendly relations between the two men. Two witnesses testified to utterances of threats by Frechette against Brown.

CARL FOOTE BUILDING HOME ON ZION STREET

Carl Foote assisted by Rutherford Stephens, is building a new home of five rooms, bath, pantry and breakfast nook on the Neaves property which was purchased from Mr. J. J. Campbell. The building is on concrete foundation and will be plastered inside. Mrs. Foote is the daughter of Mrs. Blanche Neaves.

The Sunshine Food Shop is the home of the fresh green apple pie. tf.

MOTOR TRUCK HEARING ENDS

The hearing in which applications for a motor truck freight franchise were considered, concluded Wednesday afternoon in Auburn. Tuesday and Wednesday morning witnesses were heard in Grass Valley. This hearing followed one earlier in the year at Grass Valley.

The United Motor Transport company and the Nevada County Narrow Gauge railroad company are each seeking a franchise to truck freight into Nevada City and Grass Valley. The United Motor Transport already has a franchise to Auburn and for some years has been seeking to enter Nevada County, at one time receiving a franchise as far as Higgins Corner, down near the Bear River on the road to Auburn. The Narrow Gauge has obtained a passenger bus franchise and now seeks to secure a freight franchise.

Commissioner M. B. Harris yesterday heard the following witnesses who testified on behalf of the Motor Transport Company: M. Data, D. D. Eldredge, Howard Penrose, Lloyd Weeks and others. These were Grass Valley and Nevada City witnesses. In Auburn witnesses who were patrons of the United Motors Transport testified that the service was satisfactory and that they desired its continuance. Robert A. Paine, station agent for the Narrow Gauge at Nevada City testified that his company would soon install a new tariff affecting hardware, giving certain commodity rates, which would mean a saving to shippers.

STRONG OPPOSITION TO GOVERNOR'S HI-WAY PLAN

SACRAMENTO, March 21.—Legislative forces were arrayed today for a major conflict over Governor Frank F. Merriam's plan to include all the county roads in the state highway system and repeal the county road tax laws.

The fight is the second test of the governor's strength in the legislature. He won the first engagement this week when he succeeded in finally forcing through the senate a resolution to endorse the Townsend old age pension plan after bitter opposition in both houses.

Hearing Is Held

The senate and assembly roads and highways committees scheduled a joint meeting in the assembly chamber for consideration of the highway program, although no immediate action was to be taken by either committee.

The proposal went before the committee with its defeat predicted by Senator Nelson S. Edwards of Orange county, the chairman of the senate group. Edwards does not believe the program has a chance of approval by his committee, much less sufficient votes to get it through the senate.

Supervisors Fight Plan

Appearing against the inclusion program was Supervisor John R. Quinn of Los Angeles, one of Merriam's opponents for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. He is carrying on the fight for the county supervisors of the state who are opposed to the plan.

Other heavy artillery listed for the opposition includes State Controller Ray L. Riley and C. C. Cottrell of the California State Automobile Association.

Director Kelly Is Present

Earl Lee Kelly, the state director of public works, is the chief proponent of the plan.

The administration claims millions of dollars could be saved the taxpayers annually by turning over all highway construction and maintenance to the state.

Saving Is Questioned

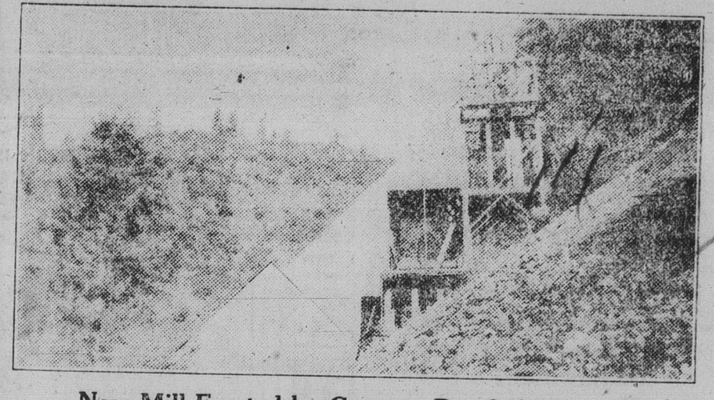
The possibility of the savings is disputed by the opposition and the claim is made that a change merely would build up a strong political machine for any state administration.

The bills proposing the program were introduced by Senator George Biggar of Mendocino county and Assemblyman Charles Stream of San Diego county.

STAGE DELAYED

At a late hour last evening no word had been received from the Davies freight truck coming out from Alleghany, and it is thought it was on account of the fall of new snow.

German Bar Mine To Start New Mill Soon



New Mill Erected by German Bar Gold Mines Inc.

Nevada County is soon to have another mill in operation, that of the German Bar Gold Mines, Inc. This property of 96 acres, patented claims, although classified as in the Alleghany district, is on the Nevada County side of the Middle Yuba River.

It has, however, the same general characteristics of the other mines of the district, in that the gold is not uniformly distributed in the quartz. But, as has been noted by the U. S. Geological Survey Engineers, the German Bar milling rock was given a value of $10.00 a ton under the old price of gold.

VEIN ENRICHMENT

The vein enrichment vary in size and in distribution, the largest recovered from the property when formerly worked being $26,000. These enrichments are sometimes found close to the hanging wall, seldom in the foot but more often where the vein increases in size and changes its dip and strike.

Mining differs from the ordinary practice on the Mother Lode in that development merely exposes the quartz by tunnelling along the vein which is then explored by cutting raises of 6 by 10 feet and then by drifting. In this way it is easier to detect the presence of high-grade. All the quartz mined from development operations in the three 600 foot length tunnels and the winz in the lower level will be put through the mill.

GERMAN BAR MILL

All materials, including lumber and machinery, were hauled to the top of the ridge last October and then transferred to lighter trucks for the haul down the Gold Canyon grade to the landing stage of the German Bar, 750 feet above the Yuba River. A cable line had been constructed at this point to lower these materials by sled to the mill site.

Mill construction was started in October 1934 and was practically finished by the first of March. The company is now ready to begin operations as soon as transformers for the power hook-up can be hauled in this spring.

MILL PRACTICES

The German Bar mill practice will follow about the same general plan as that established by the Sixteen-to-One across the river. The first ore bin of 60 tons received ore carried out over a trestle from No. 3 tunnel.

Between the first bin and the 70-ton one below is placed the 7x9 Blake crusher driven by a 15-h. p. motor. The ore from the lower bin goes to a suspended type Challenge feeder and from there to the Hend Ball Mill operated by a 30-h. p. motor. Four inch chrome steel balls will be used for grinding.

SIMPLICITY OF OPERATION

The trick discharge flows into a sluice with Hungarian riffles which enters into a Dorr Simplex Classifier 2 feet by 16 feet. The diluted overflow will be passed, first over an amalgamating table four by eight feet, then into a trap. From there the pulp passes over two more tables one four by eight feet riffled with side strips, 3-8 inch riffles spaced one and one-quarter inches apart and then one table, four by eigt feet of corduroy which will be cleaned every 24 hours. Water is pumped from the river into a 6000-gallon tank.

The outstanding features of the German Bar mill will be its simplicity, small crew necessary (15 men) and low power requirements.

MINE OPERATIONS

One Ingersoll-Rand compressor of 326-foot capacity has been placed at No. 3 tunnel with receiving tank below at No. 4. This will operate three drills.

A single drum hoist is to be placed at the incline in No. 4 and all ore from these lower levels will be taken out through No. 4 to a bin twelve feet below the mill level and then raised by cable bucket to the top bin.

New buildings include compressor house, blacksmith shop, assay office and another bunk house.

CALIFORNIA COMPANY

The German Bar has long been known as the original discovery of the district. Its total early production was over $200,000, mostly from high-grade. The property remained idle for several decades until taken over several years ago by Mining Engineer Stephens and associates.

Colonel C. R. Blood of Sacramento is the president with T. E. Stephens as engineer in charge of development. The company is a California corporation, capitalized for $500,000. and is financed entirely by California capital.

EARLY RECORDS

The first producer of the high-grade ore that made the Alleghany district notable in the sixties, the German Bar mine on the Middle Yub River in Nevada County, has just completed a difficult building operation, constructing its 35-ton mill under adverse snow conditions.

All material, lumber and machinery had to be lowered by cable 700 feet down the steep mountain side to the river. The mill site was blasted out of the rocky cliff.

As soon as the roads are open this spring and transformers can be brought for the electric hook-up the mine will be placed in operation.

The German Bar has been under development for a number of years by a group of engineers headed by Colonel C. R. Blood and T. E. Stephens and has been financed entirely by California capital.

The workings consist of three tunnels on the vein and enough ore is in sight to insure mill capacity for a number of years.

SCHOOL BOYS TO DIRECT TRAFFIC

At a recent meeting of the Grammar School P. T. A. and American Legion it was decided to ask Principal Walter Carlson of the Washington Grammar School to appoint three boys to handle traffic in areas where many school children pass. This week Mr. Carlson appointed James Hunter, David McCraney and Elgin Pingaree as the Junior Patrol.

It is understood the boys will be stationed, one in front of the grammar school, one at Jackson Grocery Store, and one at the Chamber of Commerce corner. The boys will assume their duties as soon as their suits arrive, the Legion is purchasing two suits while the local P. T. A. is buying the other one.

PARLIAMENTARIAN OF FEDERATED CLUBS SPEAKER MAR. 25

Mrs. George Wing, State Parliamentarian of the Women's Federated Clubs, will speak before the Nevada City Woman's Civic Club at its regular meeting Monday night. All members are urged to attend.

SHERIFF'S RAID NETS FIVE AND LOTS OF BOOZE

Sheriff Carl Tobiassen aided by Russell Farley, state liquor law enforcement officer, Wednesday night staged a raid on bootleggeries in Nevada City and Grass Valley.

Four arrests were made. In Nevada City, Giacomo Fontana on Sacramento street, was nabbed along with 700 gallons of untaxed wine, 10 gallons of untaxed whiskey, and 25 gallons of raisin brandy, and an assortment of other contraband potables. Antonio Fradelizio was next, and garnered at his spot on Pine street, were 700 gallons of untaxed wine and a miscellaneous assortment of materials used in moonshining. Third was Dominic Merzetti of the Union Hotel, Commercial street, who yielded up 118 gallons of untaxed whiskey and 800 gallons of untaxed wine. Jack L. Durbin on the Marysville road below Grass Valley was fourth. Only a small quantity of moonshine was collected there.

In the raiding party besides the sheriff and Farley were Deputy Sheriff Carl Larsen, Undersheriff W. D. Woods, R. L. Joiner, Roy Mitchell, Paul Wham and John Ure, federal officers and Nevada City Chief of Police, Garfield Robson.

The four arrested men will be prosecuted in the local courts for violation of state liquor laws and taken to Sacramento to face indictments by the Federal grand jury.

Also arrested early Thursday morning by raiders was Joe Gribenc of the Deer Creek section, more familiarly known as "Strawberry Joe". The enforcement officers seized 15 gallons of brandy, 380 gallons of wine, and a large quantity of moonshine whiskey. A small still was found on the Gribenc premises, and this was confiscated also, together with the illicit liquor.

Gribenc was taken to Judge Morehouse's court in Grass Valley yesterday morning where he pleaded guilty and was fined $150, which he paid and was then released from custody.

Fradelizio, Fontana, Merzetta, and Durbin were taken to Sacramento yesterday to have a date set for a Federal hearing. Fradelizio and Fontana will have a hearing in the city court before municipal Judge Miles Coughlin this morning. Durbin and Merzetta must appear today before Judge Walter Mobley.

EQUINOX BRINGS FALL OF SNOW

The Equinox brings the heaviest fall of snow for March that has been witnessed in this area for many years. Weather predictions indicate more snow today. As a harbinger of spring, however, one of the SERA workmen yesterday noted a flock of swallows flying over the city.

Rain, a fall of large hailstones, and snow was the order and the variety of the weather yesterday. Nearly four inches had fallen during Wednesday night and this depth was increased yesterday. The snow closed the Tahoe-Ukiah road yesterday and from the Washington Junction came the report of four and a half feet of new snow. In the Camptonville district there was reported several inches of new snow which somewhat delayed the Downieville stage.

The highway to Sierra City was open at last accounts, and beyond that the snow was over nine feet deep on the level.

In the present storm over two feet of new snow had fallen in the Granitville district late Thursday afternoon. Steve Matteoda, U. S. mail carrier, has had his horses on snow shoes since the big storm of early January, the longest term in many years, for this time of year.

It is understood there are over two feet of new snow at Alleghany. Davies freight line was late in arriving in Nevada City yesterday. A foot of new snow was reported from North Bloomfield yesterday afternoon. Phone lines to Washington and North Bloomfield are out of order. The P. G. & E. reports a foot of snow fallen, and two feet of new snow at Drum.

According to the rain gauge at the home of Mrs. Jennie Preston in Nevada City at 4:30 Thursday afternoon the rainfall for yesterday was 1.65 inches; for the storm, 2.49 inches, and the season rainfall is 43.60.

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Municipal Ownership

For a great many years we have been convinced that all municipalities should own their utilities. So many towns and cities do own them, and the results have proved so good, with but few exceptions, that it no longer requires any demonstration other than to send for statistics to the California League of Municipalities.

In general, the effect of municipal ownership of utilities has been to lift part, and in a few isolated instances all, of the burden from real estate and transfer it to the services of providing water, power and light. One California town has a tax rate of $1.00 per hundred dollars assessed value, with a fifty percent assessment basis, and out of its accumulations a few years since built a magnificent city hall. Some towns in the middle west boast of little or no taxes on land, the entire municipal government being supported by municipally owned utilities.

However, we have never been among those ruthless proponents of municipal ownership, who oppose a fair appraisal of the private utility, which has served the community for many years, and to pay whatever that appraisal called for. This of course is simple honesty. The stock holders of the private corporation are entitled to fair treatment. Moreover, it is the cheaper course and permits immediate transfer of ownership.

Every year a municipality postpones this step, which is becoming inevitable, means a distinct loss. Not only may the profits derived from municipal operation be applied to the reduction of taxes on real estate, but they may, by continuing the tax rate of preceding years, be allowed to accumulate in the city treasury for construction of municipal improvements, paid for in cash and not by bond issues.

This does not mean elimination of private utilities, for many municipalities buy their water, or their light and power at wholesale and distribute them at retail. As a matter of fact, some municipalities perform this retail function at less cost than under the management of large private corporations.

We referred to the inevitability of municipal ownership. It is inevitable because communities throughout the country are finding it more profitable to operate their own utilities. It is inevitable because, under the regulated monopoly system any large corporation has no special incentive to economy, and when all is said, no special incentive to reduce rates. The regulatory body too frequently permits private utilities to file under expense items, enormous salaries for corporation executives, money spent for defeating hostile legislation, and for acquiring other properties and new domains of service and revenue at prices that only a monopoly could afford to pay. However, the net yield to investors is maintained, in boom times or depression, at an unvarying level, and in comparison with other securities, at a high level.

Great corporations fall into ruts. They do not re-act readily to changing conditions. Towns, cities and little communities also go to sleep for longer or shorter periods, but in the long run a city government responsible to the tax payers is more amenable to the promptings of progress than utility corporations.

These are some of the reasons why it seems inevitable that not many years will elapse before the great majority of municipal governments in this country will own their utilities. President Roosevelt's Tennessee Valley project, the wonderful work being done there in providing cheap electricity and along with it, cheap appliances for its greater use, is having a country-wide effect, in awakening municipal governments to their opportunities.

The Reckless Pedestrian

(Contributed)

Last year the automobile fatality record touched an all-time high, with a total of 36,000 killed. One of the worst aspects of the record was the pedestrian toll.

Those who believe that accidents involving a car and a pedestrian are always the fault of the motorist, are sadly mistaken. In five out of every eight accidents in which a person on foot was killed by a car, the pedestrian was entirely to blame.

Thirty-four per cent of the pedestrians who were killed because of their own carelessness, were struck while crossing in the middle of the block or against traffic signals. Seventeen per cent were killed while walking on the wrong side of the road. Eleven per cent of the pedestrian fatalities involved children playing in the streets. Nine per cent of the fatalities resulted from walkers stepping suddenly out from behind parked cars into the stream of traffic. It is a significant fact that, in 1934, the rate of death per pedestrian accident was 45 per cent worse crossing in the middle of the block than at the intersection, and 74 per cent worse crossing against signals than with them.

The careless walker, like the careless driver, constitutes a grave problem that must be definitely solved if we are to lower the automobile toll. The cure for pedestrian recklessness is purely up to the individual—all the traffic laws in the world cannot make a person walk properly on streets and highways if he is congenitally careless. Obey the signals, never cross in the middle of a block.

Mac --- Leave it to Pop! By Munch

NOW YOU LEAVE THIS TO ME SON---I'LL GO IN AND TALK TO HER AND SQUARE IT FOR THE BOTH OF US'
O.K. POP
SHE'S OUT IN THE KITCHEN 'N SHE'S PRETTY MAD, TOO
DON'T I KNOW --- LET THAT BE A LESSON TO MAC--- FORGET A
GEE! HE'S BEEN IN THERE A LONG TIME--I WONDER HOW HE'S MAKING OUT?
HOW YUH DOIN' POP?

Spring Madness

Spring makes her annual debut—
The mushrooms are in bloom,
And wooly lambs with startled eyes
Across the landscape zoom;
The dogwood rushes to and fro,
The catkin builds her nest,
Dame Nature dons her make up now
And struts her freakish best.

The sap is rising here and there,
It drips from every tree,
And homing tadpoles flock by flock
Are flying north, I see.
A carpet flaps upon the line,
Poor dad goes forth to beat,
Dark ruffles grace his beetling brows,
His speech is indiscreet.

The young spring poet prances now
With arms and knee caps bare;
Bright twigs and leaves of poison oak
Adorn his flying hair;
With plethora of quavering notes
While water dogs and jelly fish
About him leap and play.

Yes, Spring is making her debut,
And gentle persons say,
"Let's go kill birds and beasts and things,
It's such a perfect day."
They drag the dogwood from his lair,
And rob the catkin's nest,
While others lulled by Pan's refrain
In hammocks idly rest.

Ah me, I'm writing nonsense here,
As one may plainly see;
I wonder if spring fever now
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WELLS FILLING UP

William Lackland of North San Juan was a Nevada City visitor on Wednesday. He stated the last snow storm of eight inches was the heaviest for the season. Wells that have been dry for several years are now filling up. Mr. Lackland's well, which has been dry two years, has three feet of water in it. Before the streams were taken into the irrigation district and when mines were operating in the North San Juan area that section had plenty of water.

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COLLEGE BOXING SHARPS TO MEET

Charlie Cox, classy California featherweight 135-pound mitt-man of San Bernardino, California, will compete for the Mustangs in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Boxing Tournament in Sacramento, March 28 and 29.

Although Cox has lost this year to Ed Hay of San Francisco University and to Bert Johnson of Washington State, his second round knockout of John Callahan, University of California, rates him a serious contender for the title struggle.

In the 1934 tournament Cox lost to George Paiva, San Francisco University, who went on into the finals the last night to box for the title.

Tickets for both nights are still available in Sacramento at Hale's men's shop and Mott Rainey's Cigar Store, in Davis at the Co-op Store on the Cal Aggie campus. Prices are 50c, $1.10 and $1.75.

The Auburn '49ers Association have set the date for their gold show for 1935 at June 8 and 9.

Sheriff C. J. Tobiassen and wife left Thursday for Sacramento to attend the three day Peace Officers Convention in that city.

After the funeral of the late Harry Welsh, his wife and two children accompanied Mrs. Welch's sister, Mrs. Peter Galob and family to Groveland for a visit. Mrs. Florence Emby, of Columbus, Ohio, arrived in this city a few days ago and went on to Groveland.

David Davys, who has been very seriously illl for five weeks and in the Jones Memorial hospital, is on the road to a quick recovery at his home on Wet Hill, Nevada City.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Weiss motored to San Francisco Wednesday, to attend the funeral of the late George Wright at the Presidio, returning home the same ady.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Trosper of Oakland and Mrs. Trosper's mother, Mrs. Denny, spent the week end in this district, Mr. and Mrs. Trosper at their summer home, and Mrs. Denny, in this city with her twin sister, Mrs. Curtis. Mrs. Denny's husband owned a blacksmith shop where the Plaza Garage now stands, for many years. Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Denny were the first twins born in Nevada county.

LIFE and Death

(By L. ERWIN WALKER)

Friends! Why mourn we here above this lifeless clay?
This breath of ours is lent us but for a day.
Then what, or who, or where to place the blame,
If blame there be indeed.
Our duty here is naught but plant the seed.

To plant the seed, that some Soul seeking soil
With which to build a form, doth long months toil.
And for it's very needs.
Then, when that form shall draw earths fleeting breath,
How then? are we to blame, for Life or Death.

When these Souls of ours, these separate Forms did make.
Sometime, somewhere from Mothers dear, the soil did take
And fashion for It's special use.
Then; If the soul, that form raised up with pain,
That Soul alone, shall lay it down again.

Thus seen, 'tis clear, the mystery of this earthly breath.
This cycle known to man as Life and Death
Is but a chain.
Each link of which was fashioned for its very own,
And when that link is done, the Soul has greater grown.

HOME LOAN MADE TO SIX MILLION HOME OWNERS

Fred F. Cassidy, county chairman of the Federal Better Housing committee, has just received a copy of a letter written by President Franklin Roosevelt to James Moffett, Federal housing administrator, which indicates the wide use which has been made of the Federal guarantee for repair and modernization loans for homes. The letter follows:

The White House, Washington
Dear Mr. Moffett:

This will acknowledge your encouraging memorandum on the operation of the National Housing Act.

I wish to express, through you, my gratification to the chairman and members of the Community Better Housing Campaign Committees throughout the country because of the results they have accomplished in less than seven months of activity in calling to the attention of property owners the benefits to be derived under the National Housing Act.

I am particularly impressed with your statement that 6,174 communities have selected chairmen of their Better Housing Committees, and that between 250,000 and 300,000 volunteer workers are participating, through these committees, in the work of acquainting property owners with the uses they can make of the Housing Act. It is good to know also that the Better Housing Committees now have a population coverage of approximately 70,000,000 and that 2100 of these cities and towns are conducting house-to-house canvasses in which thousands of the canvassers are carrying on this work.

I note that to date calls have been made on over 6,000,000 properties, and that the property owners have pledged 1,100,000 jobs for modernization and repair for a total value of $275,000,000, and that, in addition, you estimate there has already been spent since last August approximately $250,000,000 for modernization and repair.

As you point out, with the continued active cooperation of our civic minded committees, house-to-house canvasses will be conducted by practically every community campaign committee, with many millions of home owners and business property owners yet to be contacted. This activity means that, with the advent of Spring, an immense volume of business and employment will undoubtedly be generated..

In regard to construction of new homes, I am glad to know that enabling legislation has been passed during the last sixty days in twenty-six states, and that you anticipate prompt action by the remaining states where enabling legislation is necessary, to permit the mutual mortgage insurance plan to operate. That you already have received applications for millions of dollars of mortgage insurance, with approximately thirty per cent of the applications covering the construction of new homes, plainly indicates we may expect a decided improvement in the new home construction field.

I agree with you that the refunding of existing mortgages in long term, amortized mortgages insured under the National Housing Act will result in a safer mortgage structure for the countryan d will result in a much needed impetus to home construction, with a resultant tremendous demand for durable goods and labor, invaluable benefits to business and the community in general.

Very sincerely yours,
Franklin D. Roosevelt.

HADDA LET 'IM GO

(By Gordon Ross)

One afternoon a week or so ago I happened to be busily engaged at the task I usually indulge in when in town with nothing else to do except await an opportunity to get out of town again, that of lending physical support to the brick corner of the Twin City Clothing building, when my attention was drawn to the opposite side of the street by an impromptu exhibition in calisthenics.

The performer started out by swinging his long legs over the A-board in front of Schreibers. As he was apparently slightly inebriated I decided that was quite some stunt.

Righ leg over, retreat two steps. Halt. Advance two steps. Left leg over. Retreat—perfect timing;

He had a whole reperatore of tricks He'd show 'em! He reached for the top of his head, evidently to remove his hat but found that he was hatless. Undiscouraged he took from his pocket a pipe and held it aloft. It must have been some six feet up but that did not stop him from kicking it into the middle of Broad street. More applause, slightly more than the previous slight measure.

Assuming a crouching pose he doubled up his fists and with lightning speed he whirled them one over the other then suddenly extending his left arm he lunged forward. That must have been his imitation of Cannera taking a crack at Baer, for he hit no one. Next he tried one of Baer smacking at Carnera. Another windup, a mighty lunge, and somehow, the Fates who had so kindly and skillfully stood by him in his previous exhibitions, now deserted him and following several very unbalanced side steps he sprawled in the center of Pine Street stopping traffic in both directions.

Willing hands attempted to help him regain his footing but he now decided it was bed time. The curtain was down, the show was over. Using his arm for a pillow, right there in the center of Pine Street he sought the companionship of Morpheus.

Arrived on the scene our worthy constable, Bill Jeffrey who immediately took charge. The sleeping beauty was roughly hoisted to his feet and half carried, half dragged back to the sidewalk. Regaining some of his faculties he gave Bill an argument. Among other things he wanted to know, "Who are you?"

"I'm an officer,' says Bill, "if you tell me where you live I'll see that you get home. If not I'll have to run you in."

"Who says you're an officer?"

"I do," says Bill.

"Prove it," said the inebriated one.

Bill unbuttoned his overcoat as big as life; he unbuttoned his business coat a little bigger than that; then with a flourish he turned the left side of both coats and throwing out his chest, he says, "There!"

"Where?" asked the proof seeker.

"There on my ve—" Bill stopped.

Some time later, after the sleeping beauty had been led away by friends, Bill came over to my side of the street and I asked him why he didn't assert his authority.

"Well," says Bill, "I'd just been home and changed my clothes and I left my badge on my other suit, and when I told that bird I'd run him in if he didn't quiet down and go home he wanted to know who I was, and when I discovered I didn't have my badge to prove who I as, I hadda let 'im go."

From Aunt Sarah

Here's another winter dessert made from dry figs that are always in the market, and the beauty of it is that it is just as good when warmed over as fresh.

FIG PUDDING — One-fourth pound figs chopped fine; one-fourth pound suet chopped fine; 2 cups bread crumbs; 1 cup brown supar, 2 eggs; grated rind and juice of one lemon; one tablespoon molasses; one-half teaspoon nutmeg 1 tablespoon flour.

Mix together and steam three hours and serve with any pudding sauce.

In making any steam pudding be sure not to remove the cover until the ful time is up. Keep at the boiling point all the time.

Miss Phyllis Anderson of North Bloomfield is spending this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Muscardini in Nevada City

FRUIT ROLL

Two cups flour; 4 level teaspoons baking powder; 4 level tablespoons shortening; one cup milk; salt.

Sift salt, baking powder, flour, together. Work in shortening with knife or finger tips. Add milk. Add enough sifted flour to roll. Roll out about a half inch thick, spread with soft butter, cover with one cup sugar, lay over this halves of well drained canned peaches or apricots. Roll up and cut into about one inch rolls(like a jelly-roll). Place in greased baking pan, add bits of butter and about one-third cup hot water and bake in hot oven. Serve with lemon sauce.

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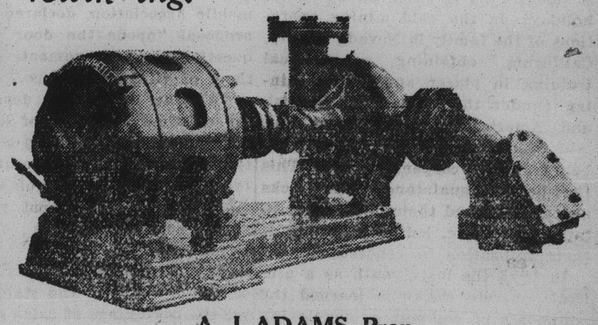

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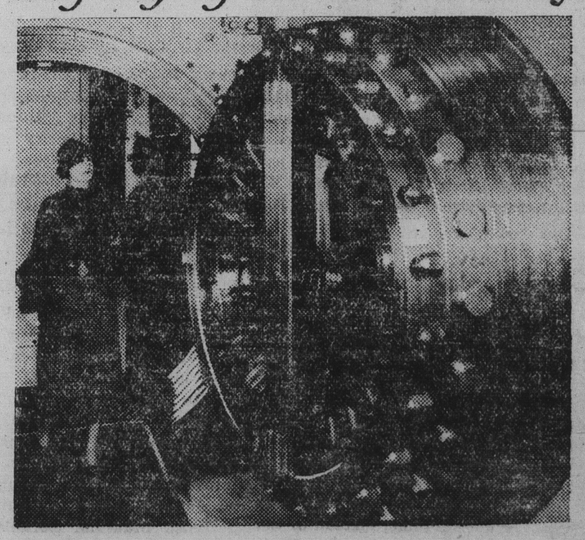

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JOSEPH A. KITTS GAINS FAME IN CONCRETE WORK

Joseph Arthur Kitts, born on Town Talk and educated in the Nevada City schools and the University of California has become a famous person, an international authority on concrete. The Town and Country Review published in London carries the following biography of Mr. Kitts and recites a long list of his achievements. It follows in part:

Joseph Arthur Kitts, as a Consulting Concrete Technologist and Civil Engineer, maintains offices in the Rialto Building, San Francisco, California and here places a special knowledge and a wide and varied experience at the service of his clients.

Born at Nevada City, California, April 14, 1881, son of James M. and Mary (Rafford) Kitts, and grandson of James and Eliza (Lindley) Kitts, California pioneers, he received his education at the California public schools, including a scientific course at Nevada City High School He attended the University of California, College of Mechanics, 1900-1903; College of Civil Engineering, 1908-1909; and also had private instruction in German, Spanish and French languages. He has been an independent student, since 1900, of world literature on concrete and concrete mixture research.

Endowed with a robust physique, young Kitts started at an early age to take an active part, during school holidays, in the gold mining operations of the family in Nevada County, California, obtaining a practical training in placer and quartz mining (under the tutelage of Cornish and American miners), hoist and mill operation, tool sharpening, timber framing, carpentry, etc. This first-hand acquaintance with rocks and gravels, and their large accumulations as waste, led to his study of their utilization in concrete.

In 1895 the lusty youth as a pratical concrete workman learned the rudiments of concrete proportioning under an English concrete craftsman and builder, Wm. Matterson, whose instruction in a principle of filling the voids in the coarser ingredients with the finer, and in the proper appearance and consistency of the fresh concrete, proved to be the foundation of subsequent practical success in concrete making, which, in turn, led to responsibility in labratory research and his intensive technical study of the laws of concrete mixtures.

From 1906 to 1910 he was engineer and superintendent of reinforced concrete construction for C. A. Meusdorfer, Couchot & O'Shaughnessy, Trussed Concrete Steel Co., and Union Construction Co., San Francisco, a student of the College of Civil Engineering, University of California, 1908, under Dean Charles Derleth, Jr., specializing in the study of materials of construction; materials testing labratory; and a review of concrete literature.

January, 1910, to January, 1915, again saw him as engineer of surveys, concrete tests, design and construction on the Panama Canal under Chief Engineer Col. Geo. W. Goethals, Division and Resident Engineers Col. Wm. L. Sibert, Rear-Adm. Harry H. Rousseau, and Major Edgar Jadwin, on Limon Harbor Breakwaters, Mindi Cut, Gatun Locks and Balboa Terminal shops, docks, dry docks and coaling plant. He tested the various available concrete aggregates, and proportioned concrete mixtures for the various purposes aggregating two million cubic yards. In 1912 he devised the co-ordinated "Weight-Volumetric" technique of physical tests of aggregates and of concrete, employing the displacement, absolute volume, instead of the standard bulk measure, as the basic volume of materials. He has deescribed this in many different publications since 1915, as he considers this co-ordination of weight and volume measurement, and appreciation of the displacement volume as the basic measure, essential to scientific understanding and progress in concrete physics and technology.

Captain Kitts has been in private practice since 1924 as consulting concrete technologist and head of Joseph A. Kitts Company, concrete technologists for ready-mixed concrete manufactuers, and for many private and public corporations in California and elsewhere. Notable structures served are Exchequer, Melones, Pardee and Calveras Dams, California; Oakland-Alameda Estuary Subway, Alameda County; U. of C. Track Stadium, Berkeley; Grace Cathedral, Sir Francis Drake Hotel; U. of C. Medical School, and Federal Building, San Francisco, California.

Mr. Kitts is the author of many articles, papers and discussions on technical subjects, particularly concrete physics and technology: "Economical Structural Concrete," "A Mathematical Method of Proportioning," "Concrete Specifications," "Absolute Volue, the Basic Measure of Concrete Proportions," and most recent, "Co-ordination of Basic Principles of Concrete Mixtures" appearing in the publication Concrete (400, West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill.) issues of November and December, 1931, April, 1932, to April 1933, and February to April, 1934. He is a member of Alpha Tau Omega, Am. Soc, C. E., California Alumni Association, and has received the Roosevelt Panama Canal Medal and Bars for six years service on the Canal Construction, and the Victory Medal (U. S.) and France Bar for service in the World War. Rose gardening is his principal recreation, and Concrete Research his hobby.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Friends Surprise Mrs. Thomas Haddy

Mrs. Thomas Haddy was delightfully surprised at her home on Saturday evening, March sixteenth, by a group of friends who came to her home to help celebrate her birthday. An evening of cards was enjoyed after which refreshments were served. Those who planned the surprise for Mrs. Haddy and enjoyed the evening with her were: Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Tratton of Grass Valley, Mr. and Mrs. George Sandow, Miss Nance Shortig, Jack Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cole, Mrs. W. Kervin, Mrs. Annie Sheemer, Mrs. Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heether and Mr. and Mrs. Al Haddy.

Willow Valley Group Enjoy St. Patrick Party

Mrs. Charles Genasci entertained the Willow Valley Tuesday Club at a St. Patrick's party at her home in Willow Valley last Tuesday afternoon. The time passed all too quickly in embroidering, social converse and the serving of dainty refreshments.

A profusion of spring flowers decorated the Genasci home, the table was most artistically arranged carrying St. Patrick's motifs and color scheme.

Among the twenty present were: Mesdames Phil Harding, Byrd Smith, E. O. Bettcher, Ernest Brisebell, Ed Foreman, Carl Tobiassen, Alec Durben, Jack Townsend, Johns, Adams, Jones, E. J. Pollard, Misses Florence Genasci and Mary Moulton.

Thimble Club Wed. Card Party

The Thimble Club of Champion Circle held a public card party last evening and the pretty hand pieced quilt on display in Foley's Candy store was awarded to a lucky ticket purchaser.

Sixteen members of Champion Circle motored to Roseville Wednesday evening and assisted in instituting a new lodge there. A big delegation from both circles of Woodcraft of Sacramento put on a very fine drill. There were a number of visitors present from the Auburn lodge also.

Visitors Will Be Honor Guests At Dinner

In honor of Mrs. George Wing, who will address the Woman's Civic Club at its meeting Monday evening, Mrs. H. E. Kjorlie will entertain at a dinner with Mrs. Wing, state parliamentarian, Mrs. Chester Preston, state chairman of law enforcement, Mrs. C. E. Parsons, Mrs. H. M. Leete, Miss Minnie Brand and Mrs. Belle Douglass as dinner guests.

Tri-County Meeting Held Here in May

The next Tri-County Meeting of the California Federated Woman's Club will be held in Nevada City in May with the Nevada City Woman's Civic Club acting as hostess. Nevada, Placer and El Dorado counties compose the tri-county group.

Mrs. Frederick Howard Complimented Guest

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Widauf entertained Wednesday evening complimentary to Mrs. Frederick Howard who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Robert Grant. Mrs. Howard left for her home in Brooklyn, New York yesterday.

BILL TO GIVE ALL ROADS TO STATE SCORED

Former State Senator Arthur H. Breed, veteran legislator and widely recognized authority on motor vehicle and highway laws, in a statement today expressed strong opposition to the proposal that the state shall take over all county roads. Breed, whose long career of service to the motoring public has culminated with his recent election as president of the California State Automobile Association, declared that the proposal "opens the door to many questions of government, some of them of vital importance."

"Whether we are to depart from the old-time principles of local self-government and build up centralization of authority at Sacramento, a tendency that has developed to a marked degree in recent years, involves a very serious question," Breed said.

"We have in large measure shifted school costs to the state and we see the beginnings of using the Highway Patrol as a state police to help local enforcement. And more and more is the state undertaking obligations of charity for the counties.

"That we should now transfer our local county highway functions to Sacramento is something we should carefully consider. I am frank to say I believe we should go slow in adopting such a policy.

"The faults of local governments, county and city, are many. But likewise have we failed to gain perfection in state government. If the state takes over administration of all county raods, it will have to appoint a swarm of roadmasters and inspectors, just as the supervisors do under our present system. The possibilities of building up a political machine are as excellent under one authority as under the other.

"In the expenditure of public funds, it is certain that in the long run greater and better mileages of county roads will be realized where roadmasters and administrators are accountable to the community instead of to an authority situated in the distant state capitol."

SAN JUAN LEAGUE TO GIVE DANCE MARCH 23

The San Juan Ridge Improvement League held its regular meeting at the I. O. O. F. Hall in San Juan on Wednesday evening.

There being no important business to discuss the meeting adjourned early. The League will give a dance Saturday evening, March 23, at Sweetland and a large crowd is expected to attend.

Mrs. W. V. Uhrig of North San Juan is visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marsden in Mill Valley.

W. E. Moulton of French Corral was in Sacramento on a business trip for a few days.

Mrs. F. Miller of French Corral is visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Petralli in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed May of French Corral have returned home after a few days visit in the capitol city.

The first day of spring greeted the San Juan Ridge with a downpour of rain in the early morning hours and later turned into a regular blizzard.

Mrs. Josie Dahlberg has returned to her home in French Corral after a couple of months with relatives in Sacramento.

MOVIE PEOPLE ENROUTE TO FOREST

A group of movie people, reportedly from Los Angeles were mired deep in the middle of the road enroute to Alleghany one day last week. They were on their way to shoot snow pictures at Forest and to use one of the mines for a set up. The Davis freight truck assisted them out of their difficulty on the road. It is reported there were about fifty movie people going to take part in this filming.

DOWNIEVILLE NEWS

(By Mrs. Ruby Lavezzola)

Recent snows here held up the preliminary survey of the proposed road to the Ruby Mine. R. F. Taylor is the engineer in charge of the survey.

Mrs. Tony Costa Jr., has been appointed post master of Downieville under civil service, for a period of four years.

The Downieville high school announces a masquerade ball on the evening of March 30.

Mr. J. K. Latta was the successful bidder at the sheriff's sale of the Seed Watson estate, an old landmark about one mile below town.

The depression must be over, for there is nobody in jail here.

Charlie Leydshaw, state lion hunter, has bagged eight cats in this district since the first of the year.

Justice of the Peace Wm. Robbins, officiated at the wedding of Miss Azula Collin and Mr. Gordon Rasmus here Saturday evening.

The precipitation of .44 inches up to date and very little run-off is a boon to the hydraulic miners, as this is very close to the seasonal normal of 52 inches.

It is reported this district is to have a CCC at the Wild Plum ranger station above Sierra City. This would be very valuable for fire suppression and general forestry improvements.

According to Upton & MacDonald, engineers of Kernville, the Empire-North Star Co., of Grass Valley, is drilling Kern river bottom lands near Isabella.—From The Mining Review.

Mrs. Frederick Howard of Brooklyn, New York who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Grant left for her home yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Grant drove her to Sacramento.

ALDEN ANDERSON OPPOSES 4-YEAR COLLEGE PLAN

Alden Anderson, prominent Sacramento financier and civic leader, today is on record strongly against a chain of four-year regional colleges in California, proposed in legislation now pending before the state legislature. One of these expanded regional colleges has been proposed for Sacramento, but Alden Anderson is opposed to them all. In a statement to the Statewide Committee on Higher Education he declares, "Educationally I am not in favor of regional four-year colleges and believe that the Junior Colleges are doing their proper work now, but aside from that, at the present time financially it seems utterly senseless to even talk about regional four-year colleges."

Alden Anderson is president of the Capitol National Bank, Sacramento, and president of the First National Bank of Chico, and the Placer County Bank. He is director of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

MAN REPORTED FROZEN IN SLATE CREEK COUNTY

Just as the paper was ready for the press a report came in that a man was frozen to death in the Slate Creek country within the last day or so. It is reported that the man was returning to his cabin and was within 400 feet of it when found. He was alive and taken to his cabin but died soon after as a result of his exposure.

J. P. Hall, publisher of the California Mining Journal was in Nevada City Wednesday.

Try the Sunshine Food Shop for home made cakes and cookies tf.

GRACEY MINE

A flotation unit is being installed at the Gracey mine by Mr. McAfee, a former Nevada City resident, and it is expected treatment of ore will start in the next few days. It is understood things are looking quite encouraging at the property. L. W. Cheney is superintendent.

Mr. A. J. Adams, proprietor of the recently opened Valley Electric Motor Works, returned from San Francisco yesterday with a load of motors and motor equipment. Mr. Adams specializes in mining and industrial electric work. He has been in that line in Grass Valley, and has many years of experience in electric motor work, installation and repair.

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HURT WHILE SKIING

Attorney Harry McKee and wife are now living in the rear of his law office on Pine street in order that Mrs. McKee can be near a physician. She suffered an injury to her ankle while skiing a short time ago. In the storm of a few days ago the snow was fully five and a half feet deep at McKeesport and a roadway had to be cut through the snow so that Mrs. McKee could be brought out to the Tahoe-Ukiah highway on a toboggan.

NEVADA THEATRE SHOWS "DAVID COPPERFIELD" SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Friday night the Western favorite, John Wayne will appear in a thrilling story of the Cattlelands, "The Texas Terror." Wayne shows his riding and shooting ability throughout the picture. Also the first episode of the new serial, "Mystery House," will be shown.

Paul Muni, one of the greatest actors of the stage or screen, comes to the Nevada Theatre Saturday in the production, 'Bordertown,' which is said to be the most powerful drama in which he has ever appeared.

The picture, suggested by Carroll Graham's novel, is a stark, realistic picturization of the colorful life in a town on the American border, with its night clubs and gambling resorts, frequented by American millionaires and bored society women seeking diversion.

In tis atmosphere that Paul Muni, in the role of a foreign youth rises to riches and power as the proprietor of a fashionable night club and gaming hall. Handsome, magnetic, he is loved by two women, one a fiery adventuress who slays her husband to try to win him, and, when scorned, charges him with the murder. The part is played by Bette Davis, who is said to surpass even her splendid performance in "Of Human Bondage."

"David Copperfield," the prize-winning photoplay which shows on Sunday and Monday at the Nevada Theatre is destined to take its place as one of the outstanding hit pictures of all screen history.

Boasting a cast of sixty-five stars and featured players in the major roles, the picture vibrates with an intimacy that cannot be imagined. It blends every element of entertainment — romance, pathos, comedy, thrills and spectacle—in such deft quality that one fairly lives with the characters as they work out their destiny on the screen.

It is a faithful translation of Dickens' best known and best loved story, but it reveals entertainment that never could be imagined by any one who has read Dickens only casually. The romance an dcomedy, especially, are emphasized.

Among the scores of favorites in the cast are W. C. Fields, Lionel Barrymore, Maureen O'Sullivan, Madge Evans, Edna May Oliver, Lewis Stone, Roland Young, Basil Rathbone, Violet Kemble-Cooper, John Buckler, Florine McKinney, Harry Beresford, Mabel Colcord and the eminent novelist, Hugh Walpole, who besides adapting the screen play with Howard Estabrook, also enacted the role of the Vicar.

AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL FEARS DOLE LEANERS

SACRAMENTO, March 21.—California, during the critical post-depression period, must safe guard its unemployed against privation and want, but it must also exercise every possible precaution to avert "dole-dependency" and the breakdown of individual initiative.

To that end, work relief payments should be made on the basis of "subsistence only," maintaining a constant incentive for workers to return to private employment as rapidly as possible.

And all government relief projects should be practical projects of permanent value.

Such, in substance, were the major recommendations made public today by the Agricultural Council of California in a statement bearing on relief legislation pending before the state legislature.

Representing forty of the state's largest farm co-operatives and community groups, the council warned against experimentation in social relief programs which might delay agricultural and industrial recovery. It also urged the elimination of all non-essential governmental services.

Adopted following a two-day discussion of farm legislation and relief proposals, the council's "statement of principles" follows:

"The Agricultural Council of California urges the imperative necessity of rigid economy in the state government and that all activities and services not essential to the conduct of the state's business be dispensed with.

"We recognize the special problems before the state at this time in relation to unemployment and social security, and express the feeling that people residing in this state should not be allowed to suffer from privation and want.

"In meeting these problems, however, we feel that the following principles should govern:

"1—That relief projects be undertaken only of a nature having useful and lasting value, and wherever possible that they be under direction of the most appropriate existing public agencies qualified to plan and supervise such projects.

"2—That work relief payments be upon the basis of subsistence only at rates lower than the prevailing wages in the areas affected so that the incentive shall be ever present for the workers to seek return to private employment.

"3—Where relief cannot be provided upon the foregoing basis it shall be afforded upon a 'direct relief' rather than upon a 'work relief' basis.

"4—We consider it unwise to use government funds which must be repaid through taxation for experments in social relief plans which threaten to result in undue interference with existing agricultural and industrial operations and thus to aggravate rather than solve unemployment."

California taxpayers, who must pay the bill, in the years to come, for the various relief projects, will undoubtedly give hearty endorsement to the Council's demand that projects be selected which will bring lasting benefits.

Both business men and farmers will also be quick to recognize the dangerous possibilities of any relief program which permitted wage payments on a par with wages in private employment.

California's relief measures must be fundamentally sound or they will disrupt business and increase unemployment, instead of aiding in the climb back to recovery.

NEVADA CITY TO HAVE DELICATESSEN SHOP

Mrs. L. R. Crooks and her daughter are opening a delicatessen shop at 117 Broad street, formerly occupied by John Suss. Mrs. Crooks comes to Nevada City from Chula Vista, San Diego county. She is enthusiastic regarding Nevada City, its scenic environment and bracing climate.

The new enterprise will be known as the "Sunshine Delicatessen Shop" and specialties will be fresh home-made apple pies, baked beans, cookies and other cookery with specials offered every day. The opening will be held tomorrow.

Mrs. Otto Gruenwald left a few days ago for Chicago on a visit to her mother, and expects to return to Nevada City next fall. While there she will enjoy a family reunion, her son in Philadelphia and daughter in Milwaukee, coming for a visit.

Have You Heard ?

BY

Katie Lewis

FRENCH CORRAL, March 21.—The distinction of being an ideally married couple is accorded Mr. and Mrs. William Sheen, 89 and 85, respectively, of Peabody, Massachusetts. When they celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary, they announced that they never had a verbal skirmish during their married life.

How's that for perfect wedded bliss?

Back in Boston, those who are in the know, claim sand on icy sidewalks is better than ashes and the city is resorting more and more to spreading sand. Moreover, sand does not leave such a dirty mess as the ashes do, when thawing comes. Many a good rug has been ruined by ashy slush from sidewalks.

I should worry. I have neither rugs nor sidewalks.

E. J. McCormick of Beliot, Wisconsin, who claimed a record for a doughnut he kept stowed away in a trunk here for twenty years, was challenged by W. R. Sellick, of Paw Paw, Michigan, who said he has kept a slice of fruit cake for nearly 51 years.

I am willing to wager a nice fresh doughnut that there are stranger things than that right here in Nevada County. Who will be the first to rise and shine?

Oscar Olson of Stockholm has a long beard that reaches from here to there. This man's hirsute adornment reached 15.75 inches and represents the longest beard worn during 1934.

I hope this article wont get in his hair.

We will now hop off for Russia where steel teeth are being made by the Soviet Mosstamp steel factory. A delivery of 100,000 steel dental crowns and 20,000 plates has been completed, and plans are in hand for the production of "rustless masticators."

I wonder if they had 20 year old doughnuts and 50 year old cake in mind when they started manufacturing those wearevers? And would you be surprised if I suggested they should be sharpened with a file?

Have you heard that in Bankok, Siam, thoroughbred crickets are trained to battle to the death in the same manner as fighting cocks The insects fight with tremendous gusto, and the battle is terminated only when the head of one of the contestants is severed. Their owners, who serve as seconds, urge them on with small lashes made from rat whiskers.

Ouch!

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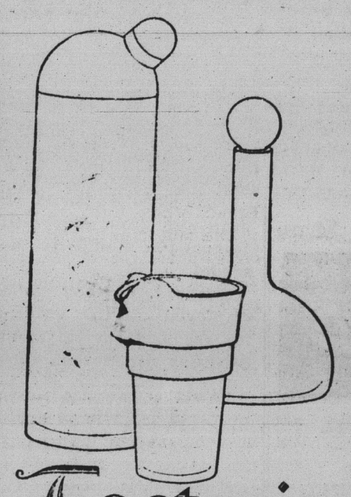

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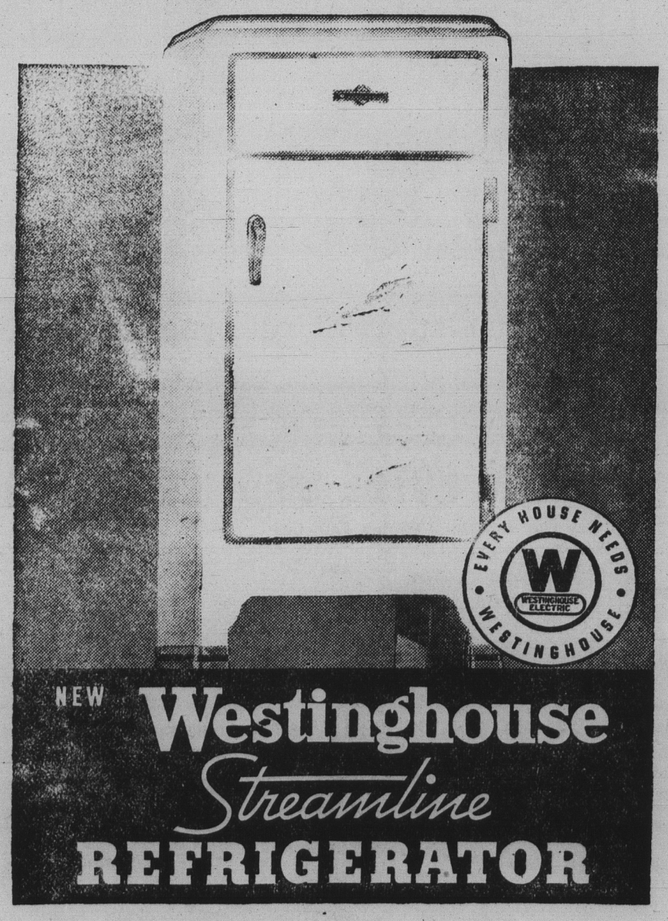

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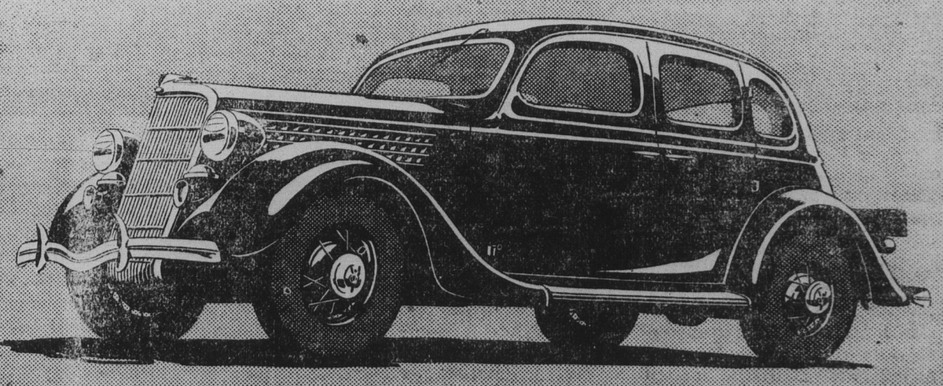

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From Our Correspondents

CAMPTONVILLE SCHOOLS BEGIN SPRING TERM

The Camptonville Union Grammar school and the Camptonville branch of the Marysville Union High school opened for the spring term on Monday with a good attendance. They were to start last week, but the snow storm prevented it being for the outside districts to get in. As it is, the roads leading to the outside areas are none too good.

Mrs. Grace Pauly, principal, is in charge of the elementary school, with Mrs. Constance Pfiffer in charge of the primary department, and Mrs. Kate Hope Livingston as branch high school teacher.

During the vacation the school grounds and buildings were completely renovated inside and out by the SERA workers, and the old buildings shined up like new. All the desks were made over and freshly painted and varnished.

William A. Lang and Louie Marquart are operating the two school bus routes. Lang recently purchased a Cadillac car for that purpose.

CAMPTONVILLE, March 20.—Constable John M. Jaynes was considerably exercised Monday when he found that his telephonic communication with the outside world had been severed. For several days his phone would not ring, and thinking that perhaps a tree had fallen over the line, he started out from home to find the trouble. Following the line to town, he found it in perfect condition, but in front of the Forest Service office, he found the line came to an end. Last week the Forest Service telephone crew from the Grass Valley camp made some new installations between the telephone central office and their office, and in so doing the Constable's line was cut off accidently. The genial constable was a bit hot in the collar, and if the telephone crew had been near, he probably would have locked them up.

CAMPTONVILLE, March 21.—Henry Zoorhurst, a pioneer resident at Freeman Crossing was recently taken to the Nevada County hospital at Nevada City.

William A. Newman, of Indian Hill mine, motored to Nevada City Monday on a short business visit.

William Burns and sisters were hurriedly summoned to Oakland a few days ago called there by the serious illness of his father.

Fred J. Joubert motored to Nevada City Monday to attend the funeral of the late R. H. McDougall.

Mrs. Margaret Goldthwait motored to Dobbins Monday to attend the funeral of her nephew.

Miss Elsie Anderson arrived a few days ago from Marysville and will resume her studies in the local high school.

Richard Holland, who has been employed on the government work for the past several months, left on Saturday for Nevada City.

WASHINGTON NEWS

By MRS. CLYDE COLE

The children from the Spanish mine have returned to school again. They have been unable to attend recently due to the severe storm.

Mr. Walter Burrows of the Eagle Bird mine is improving from quite a severe illness. He was taken ill at the mine but is now with relatives in Washington.

Miss Hazel Hagen was quite ill last week and was unable to teach school.

Several children in town have been out of school with "pink eye."

Mr. Charles Foster of the Washington grocery store received a telegram in Wednesday's mail containing the sad news of the death of his sister in Oakland. Due to the telephone being out of order the message was late in arriving. However Mr. Foster left at once to attend the funeral services which were held Thursday morning. Mr. Haverstock helped Mr. Foster with the caterpillar to drive through the deep snow. It took them considerable time to go the short distance, to the Tahoe Ukiah highway. From there Mr. Foster drove his car to Oakland. Mr. Foster's sister was the mother of four children who are bereft of the loving care of their mother. One child is only one month old.

Carl Kramer of the Eagle Bird mine was a visitor in town Friday.

The roads were opened Saturday near "Fowlers Saw Mill" thus enabling the people in town to go to Nevada City. A number of cars went out. Even though chains are needed it seems good to know that the road is open.

Mr. Howard Hale who is employed at the Spanish mine met with a most painful accident last Saturday. A piece of hot steel hit him in the eye. He was taken to Nevada City for treatment.

Mr. Chas. Stewart of the Giant King mine was in town Saturday. He reports that there is still much snow at the mine.

SIERRA COUNTY MINES

SIXTEEN TO ONE MINE

The usual mining and milling continue at the Sixteen to One mine at Alleghany. There are two shafts on the property and the ball mill is of 150-ton daily capacity.

RUBY GRAVEL MINE

Last reports were the Ruby mine had about 15 men employed in sinking in a winze in a long tunnel. A small mill was installed at the property last fall.

KENTON MINE

Dick Wilson, superintendent, has 14 men employed in mining and in milling ore at the Kenton mine. The company put up a 10-stamp mill last summer. George Gamble of Proctor and Gamble, soap factory, is interested in the property.

LEG FRACTURED

CAMPTONVILLE, March 20.—William Way, familarly known as "Cowboy" a member of the local CCC Camp, had the misfortune last week of falling in the barracks and receiving a double compound spiral fracture of the leg. He was taken to the main camp at Grass Valley at once, and after X-rays revealed the seriousness of the break, was taken by ambulance to the Letterman General hospital at San Francisco.

Joe Reynolds a member of the U. S. Army of San Francisco was in town Wednesday visiting his many friends. He was one of the boys from Kentucky, a member of the first CCC Camp at Millers Ranch. He recently received an appointment to West Point.

DUSOLINA GIANNINI DRAMATIC SOPRANO SACRAMENTO MAR. 26

Dusolina Giannini, internationally famous dramatic soprano who will appear in Sacramento on Tuesday, March 26th, as the fourth attraction of the Sacramento Music Series, comes from a family every member of which has musical ability.

Her father was formerly a well-known opera tenor and was associated with Adelina Patti in many operatic performances. In addition, he had the distinction of being the first singer ever to record the human voice for the phonograph in its present stage of development.

Her mother was a pianist and violinist of considerable ability. An older sister started her career as a lyric soprano, but retired from the concert stage after her marriage. For her older brother, musicians and critics have predicted a brilliant future as a composer. The younger brother is a cellist.

According to critics, however, the latent musical genius of the family has reached its highest expression in Dusolina, whose voice and art have been acclaimed on three continents.

Mail reservations should be sent to Ye Music Shoppe, 914 K Street, Sacramento, as early as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

CONSOLIDATED GOLDFIELDS CO.

E. C. Uren was in Placerville recently on business pertaining to mining. It is reported the Consolidated Goldfields company, which is an English concern, is negotiating for the purchase of the Sliger mine near Placerville. The company is operating a mine in El Dorado county and has done considerable work on it. R. D. McAfee a former Nevada City assayer and mining man, is representing the English company.

BRIDGE CRASHING EXPENSIVE

Mrs. Bretta Herroll who crashed the suspension bridge on March 10 appeared before City Judge Miles D. Coughlin and pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving and was fined $50 which will be paid in installments. She will also have to pay about $25 to have the bridge repaired.

Jots 'n Jest

A cloth fabric has been discovered that will not catch fire. Burlesque dancers please note.

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Mexican hedgehog cactus can live five years without a drop of water—News item. Since repeal, we've met some people who are trying for that record.

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Doctor Brings Dead Russian Back to Life—Headline. And just after he had escaped from the five-year plan.

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Prayer of many businessmen seems to be: "Deliver us from eagles, amen."

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There wouldn't be as many bankers in jail if they were as much concerned with principles as with interest.

PROVOST WARNS EDUCATION MADE CHEAP IS POOR

BERKELEY, March 21.—"If California wishes to maintain the great University built up through the years, the people of the state must restore a portion of the support taken from it at the beginning of the present biennium. A great university cannot be built in a day; it is the result of time, money and above all, wisdom and insight. But its annihilation can occur in a very brief period Construction is the work of time; destruction may come in the twinkling of an eye."

In these words Dr. Monroe E. Duetsch, vice-president and provost of the University of California, summed up the situation that confronts higher education in the state.

After pointing out that the service of the University is state-wide, and that more than a million people last year directly profited by its educational program, Dr. Duetsch warned that not only those employed by the University would suffer if increased funds are not forth-coming. The effect would be felt everywhere.

"You would suffer; each and every one of you," he said. "Ill-trained engineers will build bridges so insecurely that human life will be endangered. Poor teachers will in turn educate badly in the elementary and secondary schools. Incompetent physicians will be unable to cope with suffering and disease. Inefficient architects would erect buildings that are poorly constructed and even dangerous. Pharmacists with inadequate training will certainly menace life.

"In short, weaken and destroy the University by removing some of the financial supports on which it rests, and the price will be paid by you. and your children and your children's children.

"The budget asked for is still a million and three-quarters less than was granted by the legislature to the University in 1931. Enrollment has increased, the prices of equipment and supplies have risen, and more burdens have been placed on the University's shoulders.

"Today higher education is not cheap unless it is poor.

"We believe that California is proud that it possesses one of the world's greatest universities, and is determined to maintain it in its own interest and that of posterity."

HIGHWAY CLEARED

The Tahoe-Ukiah highway was cleared of snow last week by men under Superintendent Fred Garrison, of the California Highway Maintenance Division, after three days and nights of steady work. While the road is clear officials believe it a good idea to take tire chains along.

The big snow plows at times plowed through eight feet of snow in some places. Fully seven feet of new snow fell in the Steep Hollow section in the last storm. The road over the Donner Summit to Truckee and Reno is wider than it has been at any time this winter.

Personal

Miss Eleanor Schrieber motored to Oakland last week end.

Dr. U. H. Stewart, who has been seriously ill about five weeks, is mending very rapidly. Dr. B. W. Hummelt is attending him.

Mrs. Will Hatch, who underwent an operation at the Nevada City Sanitarium Friday, is recouperating. Dr. B. W. Hummelt is her physician.

Mrs. Blanche Neaves, who is conducting a boarding house at Dellikker, is spending a few days in Nevada City with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Foote and new daughter.

Mrs. Lewis has returned to her home in Tonopah, Nev., after a visit of several days with her son, Hal Lewis of the Idaho-Maryland mines. While here she was the guest of her old time friends, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Robins of Nevada City.

Mrs. E. T. Nilon and her daughter Mrs. George Hampton who have been in Nevada City for the past few days returned to San Francisco yesterday. Mrs. Nilon will return to Nevada City about May first to remain at her home here during the summer and early fall months.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Gallup and children of Groveland were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bosworth the latter part of the week. Mrs. Gallup is a sister of Mrs. Welsh whose husband, Harry Welsh, was killed in a mine accident Monday. They came to attend his funeral.

EVANGELINE CHAHPTER

At a meeting of Evangeline Chapterter, O. E. S., Tuesday evening, Miss Louise Shaw was iniated into the order, Mrs. E. Bonner sweetly singing the iniatory song. Dainty refreshments of angel food cake,—with green and white frosting, and cake and coffee were served on tables decorated in a green and white color scheme and many St. Patrick's motifs.

EVICTED

Mrs. Eleanor DeWein was evicted Wednesday from her apartment at corner of Pine and Commercial streets upon order of Judge Walter Mobley, justice of the peace, to whom he gave judgment of $130 for rent past due. Sheriff Tobiassen and his deputies took charge of the eviction.

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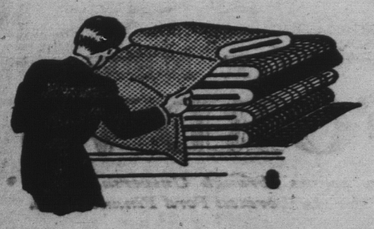
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by Graham Berry

(By WNU Service)

A cyclone has descended on Sacramento, its vortex centering around the stolid figure of Governor Merriam. Crouched in the storm cellars of their various committees, legislators are endeavoring to discuss with each other the 3600 bills submitted for their consideration.

Slowing up important work on the state's tangled finance problems is the Townsend plan, which has proved to be a monkey-wrench in the machinery of more than one governmental body in the United States. Just why this question, which has been adroitly kept out of California politics until the present—despite attempts to make an issue of it—should pop up now to disrupt the legislature is hard to determine.

It is doubtful if Merriam would have proposed that the legislature vote to memorialize Congress to adopt this plan had he known what an upheaval it would have caused. It has certainly brought down plenty of criticism on the governor's head. He has been accused of playing politics. Many who believe that the legislature should conserve its energy for matters more immediately concerning California, think that this issue should have been left entirely up to congress.

Strangely enough, Merriam's proposed memorial to congress passed the Assembly with little trouble. In the Senate, where the governor thought his power reasonably secure, the measure met defeat. The bill was scheduled to appear for Senate reconsideration this week.

Senators Rich, Duval, Edwards and Hays, supposed stanch Merriam Republicans, turned the plan down, and several other Republican senators declared themselves embarrassed and antagonistic toward the administration because of its "forcing the Townsend plan down the Senate's throat."

The Townsend turmoil has pushed forward a dozen pension measures which were submitted at the last session.

Declared one observer:

"The legislators who have been so loud in their demands for the adoption of the Townsend resolution the past week or so may have their sincerity tested very soon by being asked to vote for a higher state pension—possibly as high as $50 a month. And then watch the political squirming."

Tax Tested

More important to most of us right at present than the pension fight is the fact that Merriam's tax program is to be tested this week. His shiny, new income tax proposal will make its bow before the legislature, whereby he would raise $17,500,000.

Meanwhile the Democrats and Progressive Republicans have gotten their heads together and are ready to submit an income tax which would net the state $50,000,000 a biennium. In addition they propose a $10,000,000 to $20,000,000 severance tax to replace Merriam's $12,000,000 severance and processing tax. The anti-administration bloc has accepted the governor's suggested increase in the sales tax from 2½ to 3 per cent, but would exempt food and clothing.

The income bill is the first of the governor's tax measures to be put to the test. It is the first major issue to be passed upon. So far, the legislators have been aligning themselves with factions or groups, have been preparing legislation in committees, and have been shooing off the horde of job-hunters that have flocked around the capitol like ants around a jar of honey.

Both houses have seen bitter and acrimonious debate already. Major deadlocks, such as the Townsend issue, have sprung up That Senate patriarch, Senator Herbert W. Slater, thinks it a good thing that battles have developed so early in the session. He said that if wrangles had developed at the last minute instead of now, that bills would have to be rushed through without proper consideration.

As an example of how seriously some of the legislators have taken the battles, Assemblyman William Hornblower in a recent altercation pulled a Max Baer and staggered L. I. Herrington, executive secretary of the Fish and Game Development Association, with a hard right-handed sock. The assemblyman has thereby gained for himself a reputation of a man who will fight for his principles—even with his fists.

If controversies keep piling up at their present rate, the session may be just as stormy as the hectic 1933 legislative meeting, during which time major officials were accused of all kinds of sins and various investigations were conducted to unearth dark political secrets.

The present session has already seen plenty of fireworks, and indications show that the most spectacular displays are still to come.

Rough Road for Merriam

Behind all the political pyrotechnics, the various legislative committees are working hard on plans, proposals and amendments. As far as the people of California are concerned, it is these less spectacular activities which will mean more to them.

Hearings are being held this week on the much-discussed road consolidation proposal of Merriam. It is conceded that this is the first major test of the administration—whether or not the measure is favorably considered after the hearings. The governor has intimated many times that he is making a personal issue of this plan.

Knowing that the measure would take considerable explaining to gain enough support to pass it, but not counting on such strong opposition as has lined up against it, administration forces have been doing all they can to strengthen their position. Emissaries have been sent to all parts of the state to explain the plan.

There has not been a point on which the governor has not been challenged in connection with this pet idea of his. Many people believe that he should not have pushed it until the urgent business of settling relief problems and working out a tax program had been completed. The cry of "false economy" has been heard more than once at the capitol when road consolidation has been mentioned.

After a several-hour discussion, the board of directors of the California Farm Bureau Federation, meeting at Sacramento, thumbs-downed the idea, reaffirming their stand of several years to enact laws eliminating the county road tax and centralizing roads of this classification under a county road engineering department.

Amendments have been made to the original plan, which may mitigate the opposition. The Senate committee on roads and highways agreed to allow Senator George Biggers, author of the road bill in the Senate, to present the amendments.

These amendments would provide for allocation of road money by counties, instead of dividing it among the northern and southern sections of the state, and would require all persons given employment on state highway projects to be residents for at least a year of the county in which the work is to be done, and would provide for taking county surveyors or highway engineers into the state service to act as resident engineers in their respective counties.

An amendment to Merriam's plan which has found favor with several legislators provides that no county in the state would come under the bill provisions until the voters of the county had approved it.

Despite opposition, Merriam still has faith in his plan and believes that it will pass, admitting that it will probably be tempered with amendments. Supporters stand firm, however, in that all counties or none will be blanketed. In other words, it will be no halfway measure.

Relief Activities

After giving the million Californians on relief a first-class scare in thinking that their dole and work-relief allotments were to be sliced from 20 to 40 per cent, politics and oratory were set aside by legislators long enough to rush emergency legislation through the houses enabling State Emergency Relief Administration authorities to augment a curtailed federal relief allotment to this state for March.

At the beginning of this long session California relief was one of the most discussed issues here at Sacramento. After experiencing considerable difficulty in effectively organizing, the state relief commission held several sessions to formulate plans.

Meanwhile March rolled around and this state needed $15,000,000 to carry on its tremendous relief program. Only $9,000,000 was sent by the federal government to cover expenses. A mild panic was registered in San Francisco SERA headquarters. Immediate retrenchment was considered necessary, substantial cuts to be meted out to everyone connected with SERA except full-time employes receiving $20 a week or under.

A large group of relief workers met in San Francisco and marched on SERA headquarters, protesting any wage curtailment in the face of rising prices.

A second plan was hit upon, the relief administration to go into the wholesale grocery business, doling out food instead of money. Literally sheafs of telegrams from grocery dealers throughout the state were received registering protests to this idea.

Finally the state legislature was appealed to. Money from the relief bonds was not available until April. The banks offered to loan the money on relief bond security. Finally the legislature made it possible to borrow from the state, interest free.

In addition to making state funds available, legislators wanted very much to insist on having qualified Californians handle the relief administration in this state to the exclusion of persons brought in from other sections of the nation. They were mindful of the agreement, however, made in the constitutional amendment regarding the joint administration of state and federal relief money.

Another relief issue causing a political stir is the self-help cooperative question. The Senate unemployment committee is holding a hearing this week to formulate a policy in the administration of self-helps. The Assembly has already held such a hearing.

A hearing is set for this Friday by the Senate unemployment group on SB 694 and 696. The first bill would exempt from execution, attachment and garnishment money paid to persons on direct or work-relief.

The other bill would make it a misdemeanor for any person to make a false statement in order to obtain relief from the SERA.

A group of unemployed, convening at Sacramento, marched to the capitol. A hundred of the delegates were admitted to the Assembly chambers to appear before a joint meeting of the Assembly and Senate unemployment committees. At the conclusion of the hearing on the unemployment insurance bill, Assemblyman H. D. Anderson, Assembly committe chairman, assured the delegates that "we're just as much concerned about this poverty as you are."

He agreed to give the unemployed notice to appear when the bills are brought up in committee.

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Hoge Team—Hoge 136 113 180—Total 429; Jackson 122 134 124—Total 380; Haddy 135 138 145—Total 418; Clarke 132 133 122—Total 399; Kopp 87 113 119—Total 319. Total pins 614 631 690—1935. Points won 0.

Richards Team—Richards 156 156 156—Total 468; Durbin 138 92 135—Total 365; Hüson 110 136 151—Total 397; Johnson 129 156 139—Total 424; Skeahan 113 123 122—Total 358; H'Cap 17 17 17—Total 51. Total pins 663 680 720—2063. Total points won 4.

Fortier Team—Fortier 142 131 162—Total 435; Tamblyn 152 149 167—Total 468; Penrose 117 101 90—Total 308; Arbogast 108 112 206—Total 436; Mobley 139 158 170—Total 467. Total pins 658 651 795—2104. Points won 2.

Scheemer Team — Scheemer 133 138 135—406; Bigelow 130 130 130—Total 390; Randall 109 139 90—Total 338; Stambaugh 127 144 113—Total 384; Wright 162 161 164—Total 487; H'Cap 21 21 21—Total 63. Total pins 682 733 653—2068. Points won 2.

Wiedauf Team—Wiedauf 142 144 127—Total 413; Schiffner 110 163 173—Total 396; Kjorlie 123 123 124—Total 370; Merriam 120 131 123—Total 374; Murphy 131 131 131—Total 393. Total pins 626 692 628—1946. Points won 0.

Curnow Team—Curnow 147 186 171—Total 504; Scheck 114 161 125—Total 400; Schreiber 103 141 103—Total 347; Reed 166 131 175—Total 472; Finnegan 98 111 102—Total 313; H'Cap 2 2 2—Total 6. Total pins 630 742 678—2050. Points won 4.

MRS. KJORLIE ADDRESSES YUBA CITY CLUB

"The Liberation of Youth" was the topic chosen by Mrs. Florence Kjorlie for her talk before the Woman's Club of Yuba City Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Kjorlie gave a most thorough and lucid presentation of the problems of the youth of the country, stressing the need of help for them from the adults of society. She presented to her audience a resume of the youth movements of the various countries of the world. For American youth she pleaded for more character development (by precept and example), better homes and schools fitted to the needs of the youth not children fitted to the schools.

After the club program tea was served. Mrs. A. W. Hoge and Mrs. Harley Leete motored to Yuba City with Mrs. Kjorlie where they were the luncheon guests of Mrs. Carl Schnabel.

Personal

Mrs. Ray Murchie and daughter, Mrs. Arthur Brown and baby are in San Francisco this week. Mrs. Brown is making arrangements to leave for Bierut, Persia, the latter part of April to join her husband a geologist for the Standard Oil Company. Mr. Brown has been gone about two years. Five other ladies and several children are making the trip at the same time to join their husbands.

George O'Neill and associates, plumbers, have just completed installation of a range hood, back bar sink, and the plumbing in the remodeled building to be occupied by Mr. Otto Gruenwald on Broad street.

Mr. Knudsen's four-apartment building on Spring street is practically complete and three of the apartments are already rented.

Word received from the bedside of Mr. W. Clutter, Nevada City resident who is suffering from a hand injury in Jones Memorial hospital in Grass Valley, is that he is resting easier.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eden of Indian Flat have as visitors their son, William Eden, and wife and son, Bob, of Death Valley. Mr. Eden stated the Death Valley section has been having bitterly cold weather with strong winds.

Mrs. Charles E. Shaw came up from Berkeley for a few days visit with her daughter, Miss Lois Shaw and to witness the ceremony of initiation into the Eastrn Star conferred on her daughter by Evangeline Chapter.

Mrs. E. B. Kirkpatrick of Topeka, Kansas, arrived from Oakland Saturday evening, and will visit in Nevada City for some time. Mrs. Kirkpatrick who is the sister of S. Lee Leiter, was accompanied by her brother George Leiter of Oakland.

Mrs. Walmsley and Mrs. George Helbach, officers of Bethany Chapter O. E. S., of Colfax, visited in Nevada City Tuesday and attended a meeting of Evangeline Chapter.

Mrs. Anna C. Tucker, who underwent a severe operation recently, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. Ronchi, in Folsom and recouperating from her sisk spell.

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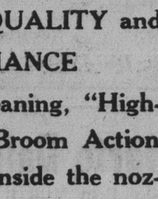

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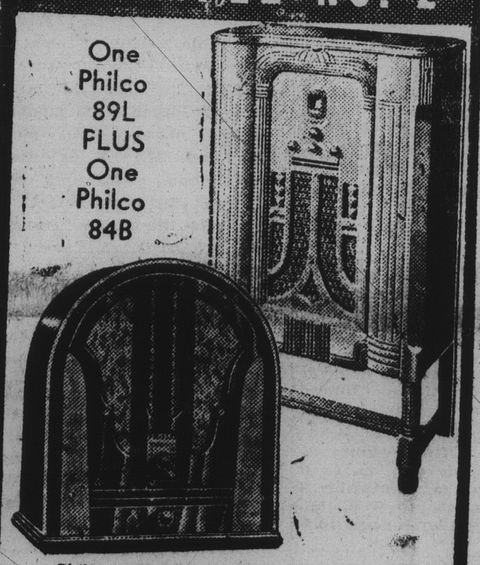

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